



An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to The Education Statutes.

Raised Bill 5446

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to testify in support of Raised Bill 5446. My name is Melissa Maltese, and I am the Director of Recreation and Community Services for the Town of East Windsor. Today's youth have many obstacles that they must deal with on a daily basis. While our public schools have invested in developing a sound system of support for our student body, we are currently missing that youth involvement piece.

The State of Connecticut has recognized the need for Youth Service Bureaus and our community is now asking for the opportunity and assistance to create our own YSB. We are looking to add a quality after school program to better serve the youth of our community with structure and support as they navigate their daily lives. We are looking for better ways to be involved with youth that may be making poor decisions and involved in risky behavior. We are also looking to collaborate with our Community Services and Board of Education Services for those with school attendance issues while also strengthening our parental and community connections.

The Town of East Windsor is committed to providing sound recreational and educational opportunities for our residents and look forward to the opportunity to grow with our students and families so that we may better provide support to those in need.

In conclusion I would like to thank Representative Christopher Davis for his support in this venture and look forward to working towards our goal of creating an East Windsor Youth Service Bureau.

Thank you for your time,

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